

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 4012–4055; 1 private bill, H.R. 4056; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 264–266; and H. Res. 486–490, were introduced. **Pages H8807–09**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8809–10**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: S. 1339, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994 (Rept. 109–246). **Page H8807**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Henry Holley, Director of Asian Affairs, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Marietta, Georgia. **Page H8737**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas to 63 nays, Roll No. 516. **Pages H8737, H8749–50**

Permitting individuals to be admitted to the Hall of the House in order to obtain footage of the House in session for inclusion in the orientation film to be shown to visitors at the Capitol Visitor Center—Order of Business: The House agreed that (1) it shall be in order at any time to consider H. Res. 480, permitting individuals to be admitted to the Hall of the House in order to obtain footage of the House in session for inclusion in the orientation film to be shown to visitors at the Capitol Visitor Center; (2) the resolution be considered as read; (3) the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to its adoption without intervening motion except ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules. **Page H8739**

Permitting individuals to be admitted to the Hall of the House in order to obtain footage of the House in session for inclusion in the orientation film to be shown to visitors at the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to H. Res. 480, to permit individuals to be admitted to the Hall of the House in order to obtain footage of the House in session for inclusion in the orientation film to be shown to visitors at the Capitol Visitor Center, with no objections. **Page H8739**

Gasoline for America's Security Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 3893, to expedite the construction of new refining capacity in the United States, to provide reliable and affordable energy for the American people (by a recorded vote of 212 yeas to 210 noes, Roll No. 519). **Pages H8750–93**

Rejected the Bishop motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments (by a recorded vote of 200 yeas to 222 noes, Roll No. 518). **Pages H8788–91**

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce, now printed in the bill and modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–245, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H8756**

Rejected:

Stupak amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–245) that sought to give explicit authority to the FTC to define price gouging. It preserves the FTC's existing civil penalty authority and authorizes new civil penalties of up to three times the amount of unjust profits gained by companies who engage in price gouging. It also increases our nation's refinery capacity by establishing a federal Strategic Refinery Reserve which would build upon the success of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) by creating a natural extension of the SPR—a refinery reserve (by a recorded vote of 199 yeas to 222 noes, Roll No. 517). **Pages H8778–88**

H. Res. 481, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote 216 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 515, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H8739–49**

Agreed by unanimous consent that H. Res. 481 be considered as amended by striking the number 3983 and inserting in lieu thereof the number 3893 in the text. **Page H8739**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read "Providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3893) to expedite the construction of new refining capacity in the United States, to provide reliable and affordable energy for the American people, and for other purposes." **Page H8749**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Thursday, October 6:

Honoring the life and work of Simon Wiesenthal and reaffirming the commitment of Congress to the fight against anti-Semitism and intolerance in all forms, in all forums, and in all nations: H. Con. Res. 248, to honor the life and work of Simon Wiesenthal and reaffirming the commitment of Congress to the fight against anti-Semitism and intolerance in all forms, in all forums, and

in all nations, by a yea-and-nay vote of 354 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 520.

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Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 263, providing for the conditional adjournment of the House and conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.

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Providing for Community Disaster Loans: The House passed S. 1858, to provide for community disaster loans.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida wherein she resigned from the Committee on Government Reform and all subcommittees under its jurisdiction as of September 30, 2005.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representatives Tom Davis of Virginia and Bartlett of Maryland to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through October 17, 2005.

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Schmidt to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions on this day.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8749, H8778, H8798–99, and H8806.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8749, H8749–50, H8787–88, H8791, H8791–92, and H8793. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:31 p.m. on Friday, October 7, and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 263, stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17.

Committee Meetings

STRENGTHENING THE OWNERSHIP OF PRIVATE PROPERTY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3405, Strengthening the Ownership of Private Property Act of 2005.

DOE'S EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE SURPLUS PLUTONIUM INVENTORIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review GAO's findings and recommendations regarding the Department of Energy's efforts to consolidate Surplus Plutonium Inventories. Testimony was heard from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, GAO; Charles E. Anderson, Prin-

cipal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management, Department of Energy; and A. J. Eggenberger, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Homeland Security: Approved a committee resolution creating the Subcommittee on Investigations.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 972, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005.

The Committee also favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 252, amended, Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should actively support the aspirations of the democratic political and social forces in the Republic of Nicaragua toward an immediate and full restoration of functioning democracy in that country; H. Res. 192, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives encouraging the active engagement of Americans in world affairs and urging the Secretary of State to take the lead and coordinate with other governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations in creating an online database of international exchange programs and related opportunities; H. Res. 368, Congratulating the State of Israel on the election of Ambassador Dan Gillerman as Vice-President of the 60th United Nations General Assembly; and H. Res. 472, amended, Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL ROLE AFTER CATASTROPHIC EVENTS AFFECTING FOREST LANDS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing entitled “Restoration after Recent Hurricanes and other Natural Disasters: Federal Role in Recovery after Catastrophic Events Affecting Forest Lands.” Testimony was heard from Lynn Scarlet, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management, and Budget, Department of the Interior; Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Everard Baker, Acting Forester, State of Mississippi; Max Peterson, former Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.